

Tucked down a narrow *gang* right in the heart of cosmopolitan Seminyak, close to Petitenget beach and a plethora of trendy bars, spas and restaurants, there could not be a more convenient location. At the end of the road lies trendy Ku Dé Ta, the hot vibes of the Living Room are round the corner (just out of earshot) and the cool tastes of Sarong a little further along.

Divided into two pavilions, the main house is the combined living room, TV area and dining room, leading off to a spacious kitchen, which can be opened or closed. Here the gentle staff discreetly waits until called upon. The highlight of the ground floor master suite is a family-size circular bath, whilst the guest suite upstairs and an adjoining kid's room share a wide balcony. Rough-hewn wooden furniture, a large central stone relief depicting the Mahabharata, and exotic cushion covers give warmth and character. Across the pool a separate pavilion idles in the gardens with two connecting king bedded guest rooms.

Don't let The MahaRaj's name - it means great king - deceive you; this four (and a half) bedroom villa is no humungous royal palace. Built on a much more live able scale it has a homely feel and is the perfect place for a regular, non-blue-blooded family or two to spend a delightful holiday, and in a top location to boot.

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